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1.  The amendment filed on 06 June 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a)  entered.
- b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d)  disapproved. See explanation below.
- e)  entered in part. See explanation below.

*The proposed amendment filed on 6/6/06 under 37 CFR 1.312 has not been entered. The amendment changes the scope of the claims, adds canceled non-elected claims as well as canceled elected product claims, raises new issues that necessitate a new search and new consideration.*



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